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Written testimony for Bill # 5325 Hydro Bill (SUPPORT)

My Name is Andrew Peklo, I am an Architect and a woodworker, I live and work in my home in a former Mill constructed circa 1835, with a dam and impoundment. I have been trying to develop this site to produce electricity for going on 10 years. I have a FERC license to develop this site and produce about 420,000 kw hr. of electricity. It has been a long struggle. FERC and CTDEEP have been less than encouraging with lack of response, lack of support and unrealistic requests. The result is the ultimate loss of a ZREC contract that could have made it possible. Solar and Wind are not the only renewables that could help address the clean energy needs. The "Programs", put out there are limited, convoluted, bias and not workable for countless small hydro installations. It would be very positive if the powers that be, would get serious about clean energy like other New England states. Make it simple for people to get involved and don't limit programs. Eversource, who I have defended forever, is basically an obstructor in the establishment of workable and "Equitable" small clean energy production. This bill could be a start to change the clean energy environment from adversarial to supportive.

One last thought, act now and stop waffling.

Thanks for hopefully listening,

Sincerely,



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